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A decade of discovery has unearthed a new world of dinosaurs.

These prehistoric beasts are bigger, badder and more bizarre than any you've seen before.

Meet the monsters from Planet Dinosaur on BBC One.

542–251 million years ago – The Palaeozoic era
Life forms including reptiles and sea creatures lived in a climate that was hot in the tropics but with polar ice caps like today.



1 Predator X

Lived: Late Jurassic

Weight: 45 tonnes

Length: 15 metres

Region: Europe

Facts:

- Bite four times stronger than T.rex
- Most powerful marine reptile ever found
- Estimated to move up to 5 metres per second



2 Microraptor

Lived: Early Cretaceous

Wingspan: 90 centimetres

Length: 80 centimetres

Region: East Asia

Facts:

- Lived and hunted in the trees
- Feathered front and back legs used to glide
- Long claws on first toe, similar to Velociraptor



3 Argentinosaurus

Lived: Late Cretaceous

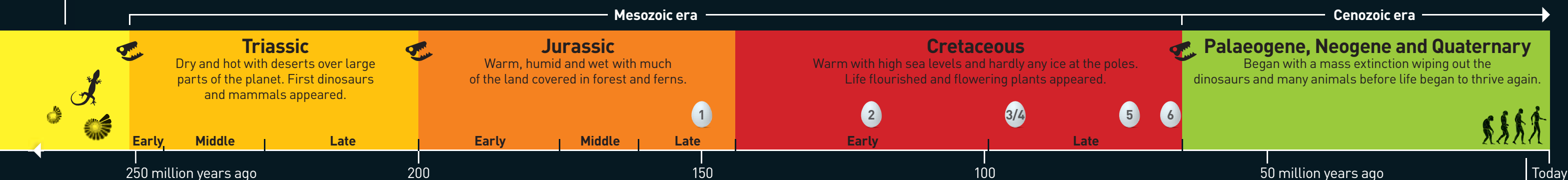
Weight: 75 tonnes

Length: 35 metres

Region: South America

Facts:

- Biggest dinosaur known to walk the Earth
- A newly hatched baby weighed just 5kg
- Fully grown in 40 years, at peak growing 40kg a day



4 Spinosaurus

Lived: Late Cretaceous

Weight: 11 tonnes

Length: 17 metres

Region: North Africa

Facts:

- Thought to be the biggest land predator ever
- Large claws to catch fish in swamps and rivers
- Pressure sensors on its snout, like a crocodile, to hunt water prey



5 Daspletosaurus

Lived: Late Cretaceous

Weight: 2.5 tonnes

Length: 9 metres

Region: North America

Facts:

- Believed to have hunted in gangs
- Part of the Tyrannosaur family, but lived 10 million years before T.rex
- Great sense of smell to help hunt prey



6 Hatzegopteryx

Lived: Late Cretaceous

Wingspan: 10 metres

Height: 5 metres

Region: Europe

Facts:

- Largest flying animal ever found
- Stood as tall as a giraffe
- Hunted on the ground walking on all fours

2.5 million years ago – The earliest human ancestors appeared. Homo sapiens did not walk the Earth until 200,000 BC.

Dino fact

Dinosaurs belonged to a group of animals called reptiles. Dinosaurs laid eggs like reptiles do today.



For details about the BBC One TV series and Planet Dinosaur Tour visit:

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